

# Cincinnati Recreation Commission

ATHLETIC DIVISION  
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## LADDER LEAGUE RULES

### WELCOME!

The Cincinnati Recreation Commission will offer a computerized Tennis Ladder League this summer at the Lunken Airport Playfield. Ladders will be available in the following categories: **Men's Singles (4.5, 4.0, 3.5, 3.0), Women's Singles (4.5, 4.0, 3.5, 3.0), Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles (4.5, 4.0, 3.5).** Individual levels of play will not be held if three or less players/teams are registered. Mixed doubles leagues may be combined.

### WHEN DOES THE LADDER START?

**The ladder officially starts Monday, June 5, 2006.** Applications can be mailed or filled out in person. The submission **deadline for the 1<sup>st</sup> list is Friday, May 26, 2006.** Applications will be accepted after this date but the names of these applicants will not appear on the original master list. The ladder **ends Sunday, September 3, 2006, at 10:00 p.m.**

### WHAT IS THE FORMAT OF THE LADDER LEAGUE?

A master list of all participants on their respective ladder will be available to all players at the Carl and Edyth Lindner Family Tennis Center. Thereafter, a list will be available every two weeks, being updated by the previous wins/losses. Work and home phones, and times that each individual is available to play, will also be listed. Ladder lists can be faxed to participants upon request.

### WHAT HAPPENS TO THE WINNER AND LOSER OF EACH MATCH?

If the winner of a match is below the loser on the ladder, the winner takes the place of the loser and the loser moves down one spot. If the loser was below the winner initially, then there is no change.

### ARE THERE OPEN CHALLENGES?

Yes! All participants may challenge any player in a position above them. Any new ladder entrants after league has begun will start at the bottom of their respective ladders.

### HOW ARE THE MATCHES SCORED?

A match can be either 2 out of 3 regular sets or 10 game pro-set (the first player to 10 games) (regular or no-add scoring may be used for either). The players are to decide which will be used. A 12-point tiebreaker will be used at either 9 all in the pro-set or 6 all in the regular sets. Matches must be played to completion or they will not count. (In the event of bad weather during a match, the match will resume where it was halted). Defaults are recorded as a loss.

## HOW ARE THE MATCHES RECORDED?

The winner reports the names, match score, and the date of the match in the ladder book at the Carl and Edyth Lindner Family Tennis Center immediately following the match. Match wins/losses will not be taken over the phone. All matches must be played at the Lunken Playfield. (Exceptions will be made during the Thomas E. Price Met Tournament, July 5 – 16).

## HOW OFTEN IS THE LADDER UPDATED?

The ladder will be updated every two weeks based on the results in the ladder book. The ladder book will be closed every other Sunday at 10:00 p.m. By Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. (2 days later), new ladder lists will be available to each participant at the Carl and Edyth Lindner Family Tennis Center. The list will have recorded the updated rankings. New list information will not be given over the phone. New lists can be faxed upon request.

## WHO RESERVES THE COURT AND SUPPLIES THE BALLS?

The person making the challenges reserves the court. Both players supply one new can of balls with the winner taking the new can at the finish of the match and the loser taking the used can.

## HOW LONG SHOULD I RESERVE A COURT FOR A CHALLENGE MATCH?

Courts must be reserved in advance by calling Lunken (321-1772 or 321-5718). Courts should be reserved for 1 1/2 to 2 hours if you are planning to play a 2 out of 3 set match.

## WHO PAYS FOR THE COURT?

The court fee is split by the participants and should be paid before the match when obtaining a court assignment.

Lunken Playfield  
\$ 8.00 per hour - Day - Early Evening - Hard Court  
\$10.00 per hour - Lights - Hard Court  
\$ 9.00 per hour - Day - Clay Court  
\$12.00 per hour - Lights - Clay Court

When calling Lunken Playfield please specify court surface, hard or clay.

**\*Please be aware of the tournament schedule at Lunken Playfield. All tournament matches have precedent over other play during each tournament. Matches may be played elsewhere during the Thomas E. Price Cincinnati Met (July 5-16).**

## MUST I PLAY A MATCH EVERY LADDER PERIOD (2 WEEKS)?

Yes! All players who do not play once in a two-week period will move behind all those who played at least once. Those players will retain their relative positions among other inactive players. If you are unable to find someone to accept your challenge from above, you must challenge someone below or you will drop below all active players, (i.e. The #3 player is unable to contact the #1 and #2 players so must challenge someone below #4, #5, #6 etc., or he/she will drop below all active players after the two week period). If you are contacted please make every attempt to schedule a match.

**All players must make every attempt to make/accept challenges. If a player accepts a challenge then fails to show up at the scheduled time, the match will be recorded as a default/win for the other player.**

WHEN CAN I GET MY FIRST LIST OF PLAYERS?

**Monday, June 5, 2006, players may pick up their first Ladder letter. The next list will be available on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at 4 p.m. (2 weeks and 1 day after the start of the ladder) then every other Tuesday thereafter.**

HOW ARE THE INITIAL STANDINGS COMPILED?

Players will be assigned initial places on the ladder in the order of receipt of their entry.

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE I DEFEATED IS NOW ABOVE ME?

It is possible that someone you beat in a two-week period is above you on the updated list if after you beat them, they in turn beat someone above you. The computer enters all results chronologically.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO MOVE DOWN EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T LOSE ANY MATCHES?

Yes! If players below you beat players above you then you will move down the ladder accordingly.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO CHANGE LEVELS OF PLAY DURING THE SUMMER?

Yes. A player may move up a level or down a level after the season has begun. All changes must be called into the Carl and Edyth Lindner Family Tennis Center Office (321-1772 or 321-5718).

WILL THERE BE A TOURNAMENT?

Yes, an end of the season tournament --- August 28 – Sept. 9 for the top 8 players in each division.

WILL THERE BE AWARDS FOR THE LEAGUE?

Yes, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards will be given in each level of play.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Carl and Edyth Lindner Family Tennis Center at 321-1772 or 321-5718 and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission at 352-4020.